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- 1. On 20 March 1955, six Soviet destroyers of the same class were observed in the Oksywie naval harbor. Each destroyer was painted light gray which contrasted sharply; with the color of the water; the destroyers differed considerably in color from Polish naval vessels, which are much darker. Each ship was about 120 to 130 meters long, and its flush deck was about three meters above the waterline. Each destroyer had a sharply raked bow, an almost straight stern, and a low slanting stack which was located aft off the navigation bridge.
- 2. The armament on each of the destroyers consisted of: two twin-gun turrets, one above the other, on the bow; one turret with two guns on the stern; and torpedo tubes which were located about the stack. The difference in height of the bow turrets was about two meters. The gun barrels were smooth; the guns were probably 105-millimeters.
- 3. Other equipment observed on the destroyers included the following: a W/T aerial, about 40 meters long, which extended from the navigation bridge down toward the stern; an arc-shaped radar installation, the walls of which were made of net (sic); and a rangefinder which was located about two meters below the radar. About three meters above the top of the navigation bridge, but lower than the rangefinder, there was a semi-spherical object which was painted in camouflage. The object was attached to a pipe, the thickness of which could not be estimated.
- 4. Soviet naval vessels do not stay in Gdynia all the time. They put to sea in groups for periods of three or four days. They then return to Gdynia for a day or two. While in Gdynia, they either anchor at the Oksywie naval basin or in the Bay of Puck, depending on the weather.
- 5. On 23 March 1955, twelve Soviet naval vessels, probably MTBs, were observed in the Sefiet basin at Swinoujscie (Swinemuende), in the eastern part of the river. The vessels, each of which was 18 to 20 meters long, were painted like the Soviet ships in Gdynia, (see para. 1). Each vessel had a one-meter break in the deckline, and the higher part of the deck was about one and a half to two meters above the waterline. The vessels did not have any stacks,

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and each vessel was streamlined. There was a semi-spherical object attached to a pipe about three meters above the top of the bridge; the pipe and the object were camouflaged. No activity could be observed on the ships even though it was early afternoon.							
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